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SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT OF THE NETHERLANDS AND DUTCH

PARTICIPATION IN EC-ARAB DISCUSSIONS

1. DUTCH CHARGE VAN AERSSEN, ON INSTRUCTIONS, TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER MARCH 25 THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED THE EC PRESIDENCY THAT, AS LONG AS THE OIL EMBARGO CONTINUES AGAINST THE DUTCH, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TAKE PART IN ANY DIALOGUE WITH THE ARAB STATES, EVEN IN THE FIRST PHASE OF EC-ARAB COOPERATION.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER NOTED THAT FIRST PHASE OF EC-ARAB COOPERATION PROPOSALS INVOLVED CONTACTS BY GERMANS, AS ACTING EC PRESIDENT, IN VARIOUS ARAB CAPITALS, AND ASKED WHETHER THE DUTCH STATEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THAT ASPECT OF THE FIRST PHASE. DUTCH CHARGE WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY THE HAGUE CAN SHED ON THE EXTENT DUTCH POSITION MAY DELAY MOVES TO IMPLEMENT EC-ARAB COOPERATION CONTACTS. RUSH

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